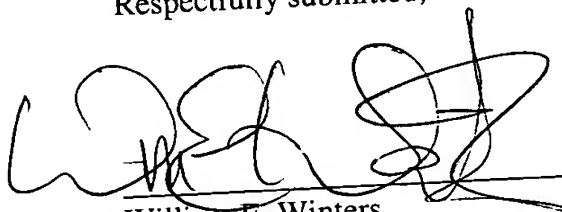


REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-22 have been canceled and new Claims 23-46 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 408-282-1857.

Respectfully submitted,

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